

Inquiry: #2009-08

Subject: Standby Power for Elevator Machine Room Ventilation

Code: 2007 Minnesota State Building Code
2006 International Building Code
Minnesota Rules Chapter 1307 – Elevators and Related Devices

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Question: My Company would like clarification related to the requirement to connect Elevator Machine Room ventilation or air conditioning to standby power-specifically as applied to an existing building.

Question rephrased: If new, additional ventilation equipment is installed or existing ventilation equipment is replaced in an existing elevator machine room and standby power is provided for the elevator, is the ventilation equipment required to be connected to the standby power?

Answer: Yes.

Discussion: There is no specific rule that makes Minnesota Rule 1307.0095 subpart 1, section 3303.1.4, retroactive to existing installations. See Minnesota Rules 1307.0047 and 1307.0090 for retroactive provisions.

Existing ventilation equipment installations are permitted to continue without connection to the standby power. Existing ventilation equipment is also permitted to be maintained or repaired.